GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF GONDI LANGUAGE IN TH SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUTION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Government has received any memorandum from `All India Gond Samaj Religious Conference` to include Gondi Language in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(b): if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Demands of Gondi and various other languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government.

A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. A decision on the pending demands for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule, including Gondi, will be taken in the light of the recommendations of the Committee.